



Centro Kibrahacha celebrates Christmas at the Marriott

For the 250 members of Centro Kibrahacha, Aruba's social center for the elderly, it was a beautiful, memorable Christmas party; a memory they will cherish. Diane Uchtmann, Director of the center described it as "thrilling, an experience the members could rarely afford on their fixed incomes. We are very grateful to the Marriott Resort and the Marriott Foundation for their assistance in providing this wonderful morning for our members." For the elderly, it was not only a morning of fine food and drink, but camaraderie and attention.

Members danced to their favorite traditional island music and enjoyed entertainment by Henny Lejuez and her group. They took home great gifts donated by local vendors for the Christmas Raffle, and each member received a lovely present from the Kibrahacha Center and from the Marriott Foundation.

Monday morning saw many of the members of the Marriott Foundation, who are employees of the hotel, working as waiters and waitresses for the Kibrahacha Christmas festivities, even though that is not their regular position at the resort. Even those in management were taking the morning to spend time with the elderly and seeing to their needs.

Centro Kibrahacha in Piedra Plat is open five days a week, providing activities, classes, and social event that keep the elderly stimulated, involved in the community, and mentally acute. They are mainly supported by the Rotary Club, and its representative, Lufriedo Croes, who holds the position of President of the Kibrahacha board, stopped by the Marriott to join in the festivities.

Diane Uchtmann went on further to explain that the center will be closed for the holidays until January 5, 2006, and that they are grateful for all the support they have received from the community throughout the year, support which has contributed in giving their members this special Christmas memory.